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REFERENCES

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. Between 0900 and 1400 on 22 July 1954, bomb release practices were from single-engine conventional planes at Kummersdorf training grounds. The planes flew over the training area at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and, flying about 1,000 meters apart, individually made a slant approach releasing a bomb each at an altitude of about 300 meters. The formation subsequently gained their previous altitude of about 1,000 meters and turned off toward the south. At about 1100, ground targets were attacked with aircraft guns. More bomb release practices by single-engine conventional planes were conducted between 3 and 6 August. <sup>1</sup>
2. Between 6 and 15 August, bomb-release practices by twin-jet aircraft were conducted at the Kummersdorf training grounds. It was observed that, at about 0700, two twin-jet aircraft, which came from the southeast and flew about 1,000 meters apart, released three bombs each during horizontal flying. The aircraft subsequently proceeded westward, flew a circle towards the south and, coming from a southerly direction, flew along the target range to observe the hits. After half an hour, two other twin-jet aircraft flying in the same formation made three approaches, during which they released one bomb each. The approaches were made from various directions despite the west-southwest wind. Attacked were newly erected targets, representing AAA emplacements and tanks in Forest Sections No 120, 122 and 123. During the night of 7 August, more bomb-release practices were made by twin-jet aircraft which flew at an altitude similar to that during daytime. The aircraft flew with position lights and dropped one bomb each during three approaches. From a place about 1,500 meters off the target area, it was frequently observed that, shortly before the bombs hit the ground, a light flashed up from the bombs. <sup>2</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The IL-10 aircraft which practiced bomb release on 22 July probably belonged to the GA regiment in Brandenburg Industriehafen. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Kurnersdorf training grounds is probably being used by the bomber regiment in Briesen. Luminous devices on the tail of the bomb have already been observed at night practices during the first six months of 1953.

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